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August 5, 2020

The Honorable Lisa Margaret Smith  
Magistrate Judge  
Southern District of New York  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, NY 10601

Re: U.S. v. Francis Hughes  
20-MJ-07924

Dear Honorable Smith:

I am writing in regard to Francis Hughes and to ask for a short extension of the time period for Mr. Hughes to provide me with his passport. As a reminder, Your Honor ordered Mr. Hughes to provide me with his passport within one week. Mr. Hughes has arranged for a colleague to retrieve the passport, which has occurred. The passport – which is expired – is currently in Mr. Hughes' possession in Queens. I ask that Your Honor please allow Mr. Hughes to arrange for the passport to be mailed to me.<sup>1</sup> I have spoken to Mr. Hughes, and my understanding is that the mailing could occur this afternoon or, at the latest, tomorrow. If approved, I would then receive the passport next week. I have spoken to A.U.S.A. Marcia Cohen, and she does not object to this request.

Thank you for your consideration.

APPLICATION GRANTED.

SO ORDERED:

  
Hon. Lisa Margaret Smith  
U.S.M.J.

8/5/2020

Respectfully,

Benjamin Gold  
Assistant Federal Defender

cc: AUSA Marcia Cohen

<sup>1</sup> Due to his home detention, Mr. Hughes cannot walk to the post office to mail the passport himself.